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Letter dated 6 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the communication to you dated 10 July 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina, requesting circulation of an Organization of American States Declaration on the Question of the Falkland Islands (A/61/986).

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a written response to the declaration by the United Kingdom's Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21.

(*Signed*) Emyr **Jones Parry**

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Annex to the letter dated 6 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the Declaration on the Question of the Falkland Islands (the correct name for the Islands in the English language) adopted by this plenary session.

The United Kingdom's position was last set out in detail by the United Kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Sir Emyr Jones Parry, in a written right of reply dated 4 October 2006 (A/61/535) to the statement by President Nestor Carlos Kirchner of the Argentine Republic in the United Nations General Assembly on 20 September 2006. That remains the United Kingdom's position.

The United Kingdom has no doubts about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and their surrounding maritime areas.

I am confident that the adoption of this Declaration will not inhibit fruitful cooperation on remaining issues on the agenda of the Thirty-Seventh Regular Session of the Organization of American States General Assembly.

I would be grateful if your Excellency could arrange to circulate this letter as an information document and include it in the record of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Alan **Charlton**
Permanent Observer of the United Kingdom
to the Organization of American States